

COST OF A YEAR'S FIRE FIGHTING

Chief Engineer Dutton Estimates Needs of Department.

TOTAL INCREASE IS \$82,330

Says That Amount is Required in Excess of the Estimate of \$356,890 for Present Fiscal Year—Budget of Interesting Facts, Figures, and Comments.

Mr. R. W. Dutton, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, yesterday forwarded to the District Commissioners his estimates for the expenses of the department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904. Mr. Dutton requests the aggregate sum of \$439,220 for the year's expenses—\$82,330 in excess of the estimate of \$356,890 for the present fiscal year. The salary estimates and explanations, as given by Chief Dutton, are:

Titles are Changed.
For superintendent, now the Chief Engineer, \$2,500; present salary, \$2,000. Since May 1, 1901, the Chief Engineer, the ranking officer of the department, has been charged merely with his executive work and management. Hence the recommended change of title.

For chief engineer, \$2,000, the salary now being \$1,500. Since May 1, 1901, the senior assistant chief engineer of the department has been its chief fire-fighting officer, and because of his long service, excellent record and abilities, the increase of salary is recommended.

For three assistant chief engineers, at \$1,500 each, an increase of one and advance in salaries of two of \$300 each. The amount appropriated for these salaries is \$2,400.

Clerk Has More Work.
For one clerk, \$1,200; present salary \$1,000. Years ago, when the department was not more than half as large as it is today, it had, as now, one clerk. While the department has doubled in size since then the amount of clerical work now required to be done has increased fourfold at least.

For the Fire Marshal, \$1,200; present salary \$1,000. The work and responsibilities of this officer have been added to year by year, until he now occupies one of the most important and responsible positions under the District government, and the increase of salary recommended is not believed to be disproportionate to his increased labors and responsibilities.

Machinist Kept Busy.
For machinist, \$1,200, an increase of \$200. The machinist, or master mechanic, of the department is held responsible for the proper working condition of its apparatus. He is subject to duty day and night the year around, and the salary now paid him is less than that of an ordinary mechanic.

For twenty-six foremen, at \$1,200 each, an increase of one (to command the truck company to be located in the southeastern section of the city), an increase of \$200 each; aggregate increase of \$5,200.
The foremen of the department receive the same pay today they have received for thirty-two years. They are men who have spent, as a rule, the best part of their lives in the department.

For fourteen engineers, at \$1,000 each, \$14,000; for fourteen firemen, at \$900 each, \$12,600; for twenty-six assistant foremen (new positions created), at \$900 each, \$23,400. While there is no such officer of the department as the assistant foreman, to every company is assigned, under the authority of the rules and regulations governing the department, such an officer. He assumes, in the absence of the foreman, not only the command of the company, but also all the responsibilities of that officer. He receives \$840 per annum, except in the truck companies. In these companies he is both assistant foreman and tillerman. The tillerman is not only recognized by law, but also receives \$900 per annum. Therefore, there exists this rather unjust condition: The assistant foremen of truck companies receive \$900 per annum and the assistant foremen of engine and chemical companies receive but \$840. The appropriation of \$23,400 for the twenty-six assistant foremen really means an increase of but \$1,040, for there should be deducted from the apparent increase of \$13,000 the sum of \$11,960 for seven tillermen (one for the truck company and six now in service), and \$15,960 for the nineteen privates now serving as assistant foremen. This leaves the sum for twenty-six assistant foremen not approved, then there should be one inserted for seven tillermen, at \$900, \$6,300.

For twenty-seven drivers, at \$900 each, an increase of one, for the truck company in Southeast Washington, \$3,300.

Fewer Privates Needed.
For 167 privates, at \$340 each, a reduction of three, of \$2,520, \$142,890. The promotion of nineteen privates to be assistant foremen would provide a sufficient number to man the new truck company and strengthen existing companies. Should the item for twenty-six assistant foremen be not favorably considered, there should be provided 186 privates instead of the 167 now recommended.

For twenty-six watchmen, at \$600, an increase of one, for the truck company in Southeast Washington, \$15,900.

For one laborer, \$480.

Stableman is Employed.
For one stableman, new, \$900. The stable for the department has been completed and occupied for several months, and it has been necessary to detail a private to take charge of it in the absence of provision for a stableman.

The aggregate of salaries is \$275,320, as against \$247,280 carried in the appropriations bill for the present fiscal year, showing an increase of \$28,040.

From the above statement, says Chief Dutton, "it will be seen that the amount estimated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, \$439,220, exceeds the current appropriation for the maintenance and increase of the department, \$356,890, by \$82,330, which is seemingly due to in-

crease of salaries. That, however, is not strictly so, for of that sum \$11,100 is required to man the truck company in Southeast Washington, the house and furniture for which are provided for in the current appropriation act; \$5,880 for seven privates to strengthen existing companies, and \$900 for a stableman for the recently completed department stable. Deducting the total of these three amounts, \$17,980, from the increased amount of salaries, \$28,040, leaves \$10,160, the sum really required to meet the recommended increase of salaries."

Money Needed for Repairs.
Under the head of miscellaneous expenses, Chief Dutton estimates as follows, with explanatory notes:
For repairs to engine houses, \$10,000, amount now appropriated being \$7,500. While the current appropriation act increases the allowance for repairs to houses \$2,500, the great majority of the houses of the department are in such condition that the sum now recommended is believed to be absolutely necessary for their repair.

For repairs to apparatus and new appliances, \$7,500.
For fuel, \$7,500, the amount appropriated being \$4,500, increase due to prevailing high prices.
For purchase of horses, \$11,000.

High Prices Figure.
For forage, \$17,000, an increase of \$500. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, it cost the department \$14,000 to feed and bed its horses, and the increased amount now asked is based on the prevailing prices.
For rent, \$350.
For contingent expenses, \$18,000; an increase of \$4,000. Contingent expenses of the department amounted to \$17,000 during the fiscal year 1902.

The aggregate estimate for miscellaneous expenses is \$30,350, being an increase over appropriations for the current year of \$14,500.

New Department Houses.

Under the head of increase of the department, Chief Dutton estimates:
For site, house and furniture for an engine company in the southwestern section of the city, \$25,000.

For site, house and furniture for an engine company in the northwestern section of the city, \$20,000.
For house and furniture for a chemical engine company to be located on land in Benning, D. C., or its vicinity donated to the District for such purpose, \$15,000.

Apparatus is Required.

For purchase of five combination chemical engine and hose wagons at not exceeding \$2,000 each, \$10,000. One of these pieces of apparatus is desired for the Southeast Washington truck company, one for the truck company in Columbia Heights, and one each for the three engine companies in the business section of the city.

For purchase of one 65-foot aerial truck, \$5,500. This piece of apparatus is required for the equipment of the truck company to be located in Southeast Washington.

Explains These Needs.
The aggregate increase under this head is \$43,750 over the amount appropriated for the current year, concerning which Mr. Dutton adds:

"The sum of \$43,750 is allowed by the current appropriation act for the increase of the department, and this amount is increased \$39,750 by the estimates for 1904, an increase which will, if allowed, provide sites, houses and furniture for three new companies, the apparatus for the truck company in Southeast Washington, and five combination chemical engines and hose wagons."

MINOR MUNICIPAL MATTERS OF INTEREST

The Commissioners have directed that the bid of Forsberg & Murray, dated August 9, 1902, to furnish and install two horizontal tubular boilers at the Grant School buildings for the price of \$1,844 is hereby accepted.

The time for the completion of contract No. 2661 with the Warren F. Brenner Company for constructing sewerage, etc., at the sewage pumping station is extended ten days from August 14, 1902, without penalty or cost of inspection, the delay not being due to fault of the contractor.

Capt. David D. Porter, commander of the United States Marine Barracks, recently applied to the Commissioners for permission to use the public playgrounds on Virginia Avenue, between Ninth and Tenth Streets southeast, for artillery drills. The Commissioners have referred the application to Col. Theodore A. Bingham, officer in charge of public buildings and grounds.

At the instance of Jefferson S. Cooge, purser of the steamer Jane Mosely, the commission of Elizabeth Coleman, as additional private for duty on that steamer, has been revoked by the Commissioners.

On the recommendation of W. A. Stoughton, Intendant of the Washington Asylum, the resignation of N. F. Ladd, watchman, has been accepted, to take effect August 19, and H. B. Meyers, temporary watchman, has been promoted to the position of watchman, to take effect August 20.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, at its own request, has been granted permission to string two wires for a distance of 1,500 feet, and to erect one pole near Benning on the Alexandria Branch.

On the recommendation of the Inspector of Plumbing, George T. Raub, of 1817 M Street northwest, has been granted permission to introduce new plumbing in an old three-story house, in accordance with section 55 of the regulations, which requires such plumbing to receive the sanction of the department, being work not contemplated in the regulations.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Intendant of the Washington Asylum, William Robinson has been promoted to be chief cook at the almshouse and workhouse, with compensation at \$350 per annum; Laura Bufford is promoted from \$120 to \$180; Elizabeth Brown from \$60 to \$120, and C. E. Selby from \$50 to \$120, to take effect July 1.

New N. C. Pine Flooring, \$1.45
per 100 sq. ft. Libbey & Co. Phone E. 840.

All one width Flooring, \$1.45
per 100 sq. ft., at 6th and New York ave. n.w.

RUSH TO PAY PERSONAL TAX CONTINUES

Last Day in Which to File Papers Brings Great Crowd, Which are Marshaled in Squads.

The crush at the tax office continues and yesterday perhaps was the greatest since the residents of the District began to file their lists for the personal tax. The facilities of the office were taxed to the utmost, and it was literally impossible for the clerks to respond to all the calls upon them. Yesterday, as Monday, the receiving clerks marshaled those wishing to file their lists in squads of ten and swore them in. A few minutes were then taken in stamping the papers and then another squad of ten was in readiness for administering the oath. This continued practically unbroken from 9 o'clock to the closing hour, 3 o'clock.

At that time there was a large number waiting their turn, and went away disappointed. At 3 o'clock yesterday the time expired for filing the lists, and today none will be received except those in the mails dated and sworn to on August 12. Those waiting were told that they could have their lists prepared outside of the office and could mail them as late as midnight. To satisfy the law it is necessary only that the date of the assessor shall be August 12 and the mailing stamp shall show one hour prior to midnight.

It is supposed that a large number who failed to reach the office of the assessor before 3 o'clock today will have recourse to this means to get their lists in.

As nearly as the assessors could estimate the number filed yesterday is upward of 2,500.

Along with the rush at the desks of the assistant assessors there was a constant stream of persons at the windows of the collector paying for licenses and procuring dog tags.

SNEAK THIEVES HAVE POLICE IN A QUANDARY

Many Houses Entered by the Clever Robbers.

Only Small Amounts Taken by the Burglars—Department Handicapped by Inadequate Force.

In spite of the activity of the police in their attempt to check the numerous small robberies which have been reported lately, the department appears unable to give every house the necessary protection. Yesterday morning at an early hour, according to a report made to the police by Mrs. R. Powell, of 1121 South Carolina Avenue, some one entered her house and stole 75 cents.

C. M. Sharwood, of 320 Twelfth Street southeast, reported that some one opened a window of his dining room yesterday morning and stole \$13.60 from a drawer of a sewing machine.

The police have been extra vigilant in the last few days, owing to the many burglaries of a minor nature which have been reported at Headquarters.

It is argued by the head of the department that there are still not enough men on the force to thoroughly police the District, and that if a burglar, or even a sneak thief or second story worker, is at all sharp he can watch for the policemen on a beat to go by, and, having done this two or three times, can readily learn just how long it takes the officer to make his rounds. Having learned this, the would-be thief can gauge his time accordingly.

A SMOOTH STRANGER WORKING DRESSMAKERS

Receives Deposits in Advance for Alleged Fashion Magazine—Many Complaints Filed With the Police.

If you are a dressmaker and are called upon by a man giving his name as H. Gerner, who asks you to subscribe to a fashion magazine with a deposit in advance, "lookout." The police say he is an impostor and are looking for him.

He pled his trade to quite a large extent yesterday, and several reports of his visits were made to the police. The police say they have been informed that he is not connected with the publication in any capacity.

LIKES FATHER'S NAME.

Edwin Ellis Spear Desires to Take Name of His Sire.

Mr. Edwin Ellis Spear, a patent attorney, yesterday, through his counsel, Barnard & Johnson, filed a petition in the Supreme Court of the District, asking permission to change his name by dropping "Edwin," the first part.

Mr. Spear states that he intends removing to Boston, Mass., to practice his profession and is desirous that his name shall be the same as that of his father, "Ellis Spear," who is engaged in the same business and profession.

Church Buys Real Estate.
The congregation of Berean Baptist Church have purchased a site for the new religious edifice. A deed for the property was made yesterday to the trustees by Conrad Roeben, unmarried, Mattie Slater, and her husband, John G. Slater.

The property is described as the north half of lot 5, in square 332, and the consideration named is \$10. The lot is located on the east side of Eleventh between U and V Streets northwest. The Berean congregation sold their church property on Eighteenth Street about two weeks ago.

Mr. F. W. Drescher Missing.
The police have been requested to look out for Frederick W. Drescher, twenty-one years of age, who left his home, 75 Decatur Street southeast, August 5 and has not been seen since.

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"BARKIS WAS WILLIN'" THAT THEY SEPARATE

Woman's Novel Method of Seeking Divorce

Wanted to Sign Papers at Clerk's Office, Saying Her Husband Did Not Object.

The statement made some time ago by a local attorney to the effect that there is more or less collusion in a great majority of divorce cases was exemplified by an incident which took place at the City Hall yesterday. A little after 3 p. m. a woman, wearing a troubled look, entered the office of the Clerk of the Court and approaching the assistant clerk, Return Jonathan Meigs, asked:

"Is this the place to sign divorce papers?"

Mr. Meigs asked the woman to explain and she stated that she wanted to get a divorce from her husband. She did not give any reason, but simply said she did not want to live with him. Mr. Meigs explained to the woman the mode of procedure in such cases and told her she would have to retain a lawyer.

Husband Was Willing.

The woman said that was not necessary, as her husband was quite willing that she should secure a divorce. She moved away from the desk and beckoned to a man, presumably her husband, who was standing in the hallway outside the office. He refused to respond to the summons and the woman went out. An earnest but brief conversation was held in the corridor.

Upon her return, Mr. Meigs referred the woman to a young lawyer, who was in the office and she told him her troubles. She then went away. The lawyer, however, has not consented to become her counsel.

"MISSING" A FAT ROTUND PUG DOG

Anxious Owner Reports to the Police That the Canine Flew With a Yellow Cur.

"Scamp" is a little rotund fat pug-dog. He is missing from his accustomed haunts in the Berwick flats, and the police have been asked to look for him.

Yesterday morning "Scamp" grew tired of flat life and strayed out on the street. Last night a "lookout" was sent to the various precincts.

INJUNCTION ASKED AGAINST TREASURER

Suit Against the Wilson Estate for Collecting a Claim From the Government.

Messrs. Sargeant P. Kaut and John Paul Jones, attorneys, yesterday filed suit against Mr. Edward K. Thompson, administrator of the estate of Thomas W. Wilson, and Hon. Ellis H. Roberts, Treasurer of the United States, for an injunction and the appointment of a receiver to take charge of a certain fund in the Treasury.

It is explained that the complainants contracted with one Bettie A. Aldrich, of Natchez, Miss., to collect a claim of \$14,400, due the Wilson estate by the Government. She resigned her position as administrator and Edward K. Thompson was appointed in her stead.

It is said that the Government has allowed the claim in the amount of \$3,495. The complainants claim one-half under the contract with Bettie A. Aldrich.

The court is now asked to restrain Thompson from receiving the amount appropriated and to enjoin the Secretary of the Treasury from paying it to him until the claim is settled.

REQUESTS OF DR. POPE.

Will Filed for Probate Yesterday Leaves Money to Churches.

The late Dr. Augustus W. Pope, by his will, dated May 28, and filed for probate yesterday, leaves bequests of \$50 each to St. Augustine and St. Paul's Catholic Churches. A bequest of \$50 is also made Mrs. Laura Slaughter, who was employed by him for more than seven years.

His interest in the estate of his father, Gustavus W. Pope, of Rome, N. Y., is left to Mary St. Alb for life, with directions that upon her death it shall revert to his sister, Pauline Pope. The latter and Attorney H. H. Glasie are named as executors.

TAKEN TO FORMER HOME.

Remains of William H. Greer Will Be Interred at Butler, Pa.

Funeral services over the remains of Mr. William H. Greer, who died shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning, will be held this afternoon at his late residence, 1337 Tenth Street northwest, after which the remains will be taken to Butler, Pa., for interment.

Mr. Greer had been ill for about a week. At first his condition was not considered serious. He was taken to Garfield Hospital, where the illness developed into typhoid fever. Mr. Greer was a well-known employee of the Pension Office and his death was a shock to his many friends.

Hon. J. M. Greer, associate justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania, a brother of the deceased, is in the city and will accompany the remains to Pennsylvania.

The last rites over the remains of the late Miss Sadie M. Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Robinson, were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from her late residence, 1217 Hinton Place southwest. The remains were interred in Glenwood Cemetery.

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JUDGE BUNDY PLACES BAN ON NOISE MAKING

Sentences Passed on Disturbing Trio, Despite Claim That Jollification Was Innocent Pastime.

Thomas Mansfield, a resident of Casey's Court, was complaining witness in the Police Court yesterday against Henry and Jennie Cissel, husband and wife, aged respectively about fifty-five and fifty, and their friend, Kate Brown, a dumpy little woman about sixty.

Mr. Mansfield said that he lived in the same house with the Cissels, and that Saturday night when Mrs. Brown came to visit them the Cissels raised such a racket by singing, dancing, howling and cursing that they kept him and his wife awake until broad daylight.

The Cissels and Mrs. Brown insisted that the jollification was a purely innocent and proper one, but Judge Bundy did not think so, and sentenced the trio to serve thirty days in the workhouse.

THE WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Fair today; local rains tomorrow. Light, variable winds.

TEMPERATURE.
Highest temperature, 2 p. m. 78
Lowest temperature, 6 a. m. 61

SAME DATE LAST YEAR.
Maximum 78
Minimum 61

THE SUN AND THE MOON.
Sun rises 5:10 A. M. Sun sets 6:59 P. M.
Moon rises 12:01 A. M. Moon sets 12:15 P. M.

TIDE TABLE.
High tide 3:06 A. M. and 3:45 P. M.
Low tide 10:11 A. M. and 10:26 P. M.

STREET LIGHTING.
Lamps lit today 7:35 P. M.
Lamps out tomorrow 4:20 A. M.

AMUSEMENTS.
Academy—"Pennsylvania."
Kean's—"Don Ten Burlesquers."

afternoon and evening.
Baseball—Senators vs. St. Louis, American League Park. Game called at 4:30 p. m.

Baseball—Departmental League vs. Chicago Ladies' Club; National League Park.

EXCURSIONS.
Steamer Maclester for Marshall Hall at 10 a. m.; 2:30 and 6:30 p. m.

Norfolk and Washington line for Fortress Monroe and Norfolk at 6:30 p. m.

Trains leave Pennsylvania Avenue and Thirteenth and a-half Street for Alexandria and Arlington every half hour; Mount Vernon hourly, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Chesapeake Beach—See schedules under "Railroads and Steamboats" for time.

Colonial Beach—Steamer T. V. Arrowworth. See schedule under excursions for time.

Bay Ridge—Trains leave B. & O. station at 9:10 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. week days; 9:10 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. Sundays.

TEMPERATURES IN OTHER CITIES.

	Max.	Min.	5 p. m. fall.
Atlantic City, N. J.	76	62	66
Atlanta, Ga.	90	68	85
Bismarck, N. D.	86	60	80
Boston, Mass.	76	50	54
Buffalo, N. Y.	68	54	62
Chicago, Ill.	70	56	70
Cincinnati, Ohio	76	58	72
Cheyenne, Wyo.	82	54	80
Davenport, Iowa	72	54	68
Denver, Colo.	88	56	86
Des Moines, Iowa	78	54	74
Galveston, Tex.	86	50	84
Helena, Mont.	86	56	86
Indianapolis, Ind.	74	50	70
Jacksonville, Fla.	92	74	82
Kansas City, Mo.	80	60	80
Little Rock, Ark.	84	62	82
Marquette, Mich.	78	48	64
Memphis, Tenn.	84	66	80
New Orleans, La.	90	78	80
New York, N. Y.	74	62	66
North Platte, Neb.	94	68	88
Omaha, Neb.	78	60	78
Pittsburg, Pa.	72	58	68
Salt Lake City, Utah	86	64	84
St. Louis, Mo.	80	62	78
St. Paul, Minn.	68	50	64
Springfield, Ill.	78	56	70
Vicksburg, Miss.	92	72	84

HEALTH OFFICE RECORD.

Deaths.
The following deaths for twenty-four hours were reported at the Health Department up to noon yesterday:

Patsy A. Blackwell, 75 years.
Clara Jenkins, 50 years.
Benjamin Eckstein, 43 years.
Anna H. Luckett, 25 years.
William Washington, 24 years.
James Jones, 24 years.
Nathaniel Jenkins, 73 years.
Nora Twigg, 31 years.
Louisa Barnes, 20 years.
Louis Marshall, 19 years.
Pauline Armstrong, 9 years.
Anna V. Buchanan, 10 months.
Oliver Whitaker, 9 months.
Nettie Stewart, 9 months.
Marcella D. Wiley, 8 months.
Mary I. Butler, 4 months.
Infant of James and Cora Dickson, 1 month.
John Jones, 11 days.
Infant of James and Sarah Smith, 10 days.
William W. Kelsner, 5 days.

Marriage Licenses Issued.
Charles Kye and Ellen Mack, both of Gunston, Va.
Percival Morgan and Mildred A. Hoover.

Amos Oliver Horton and Garland Edmonia Walker.
Edward C. Griffith, New York city, and Mary P. McCorkle, Troy, N. Y.

John Hood Gray and Martha Jackson.
Walter C. Oliver, District of Columbia, and Minnie Vermillion, Upper Marlboro, Md.

William H. Dode and Emma Reed.
Samuel J. Cook and Florence Canex.

Harry P. Baines and Virginia May Lewis.
William Bibbs and Elenora Doyle.